



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1278-B)

PATENT

In the Application of:)
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Lawton, et al.)
) Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 10/054,354)
) Examiner: V. Ford
Filed: January 22, 2002)
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For: Compositions and Methods for Detection)
Of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia*)
chaffeensis Antibodies)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2003, in the above-mentioned case. Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time, up to and including February 22, 2004. A fee of four hundred twenty dollars (\$420) is due. A fee of two hundred fifty eight dollars is also due for three additional impendent claims (\$258.00). Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490 in the amount of six hundred seventy-eight dollars (678.00). It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

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